GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF CASHEW
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantity and value of cashew exported during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the global recession has adversely affected cashew export;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps being taken to promote export of cashew and the outcome achieved thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The details of quantity and value of cashew exported from India during the last three years and the current years are given below:

Year	Quantity(MT)	Value (Rs.Crs)
2006-07	118540	2455.15
2007-08	114340	2288.90
2008-09	108131	2950.24
2009-10 (April-May)	17035	456.23

The Indian Cashew Industry is facing severe crisis due to the global recession. Since cashew is a non-essential and luxury food item, its consumption has been adversely affected.This has caused a decrease in price of Cashew Kernels.Many large super markets in USA and Europe have closed down due to the recession. During 2008-2009,there was a decrease of 5.4% in the quantity exported compared to that of 2007-2008. During the current year, there was a decrease of 15% in quantity and 6% in value in the exports of cashew kernel.

(d) Export promotion activities by the Ministry of Commerce under, MDA, MAI and Brand promotion schemes are being undertaken. The five year plan scheme 'Modernization & Diversification' is being implemented by the Cashew Export Promotion Council to provide assistance to exporters for upgrading their processing facilities and obtaining international quality certification.